



Treasure State Correctional Training Center STATE OF MONTANA

Governor Brian Schweitzer recently lauded Montanans' efforts to decrease prison population. He stated "Montana's achievement is the result of an innovative plan to increase alternatives to prison. Underlying all this is the need to maintain public safety and offender accountability. Community Corrections is allowing us to do just that and save the Montana taxpayers money. Montana can be proud of our efforts to create a corrections system that is **smart, efficient and effective** in protecting public safety, and ensuring offenders are accountable for their crimes." That **accountability** is one of the foundations of the TSTC program.

Offenders are held to strict standards of discipline. Rules are enforced quickly with immediate consequences. TSTC strives to make offenders learn to follow the rules. But learning discipline by itself does not prevent offenders from victimizing others again. Enforcing strict discipline adds stress. This stress is used to create receptiveness in the offender. With the improved receptiveness offenders attend **treatment** including:

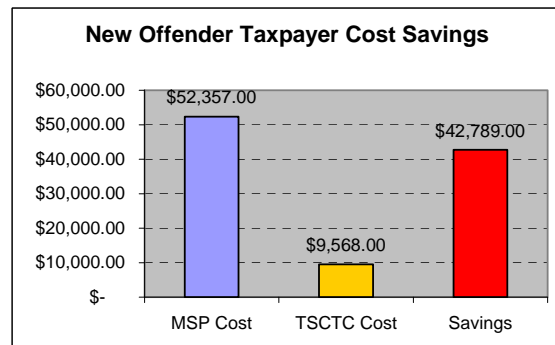
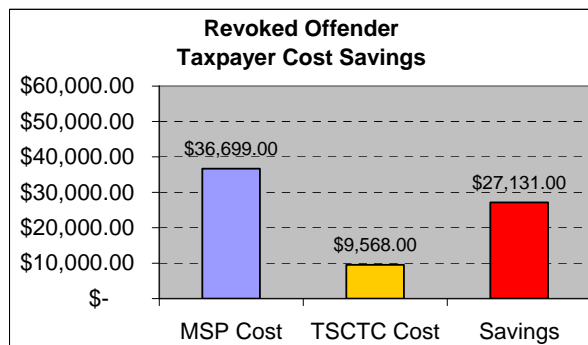
- Cognitive Principles and Restructuring
- Anger Management
- Victimology – Victim Impact
- Accountability and Relapse Prevention
- Substance Abuse Counseling
- School
- Parenting
- Psychological Services
- Religious Services

Cost of services: Taxpayers pay \$9,568 per offender that completes the TSCTC program. If an offender did not attend this program and instead went to prison it would cost taxpayers an average of \$36,699. During the last fiscal year the TSCTC program cost about \$1.5 million to operate. The TSCTC program effectively pays for itself annually through its savings to the taxpayer.

Non Sexual/Violent Revoke
MSP Cost \$ 36,699.00
TSCTC Cost \$ 9,568.00
Savings \$ 27,131.00



Non Sexual/Violent New
MSP Cost \$ 52,357.00
TSCTC Cost \$ 9,568.00
Savings \$ 42,789.00

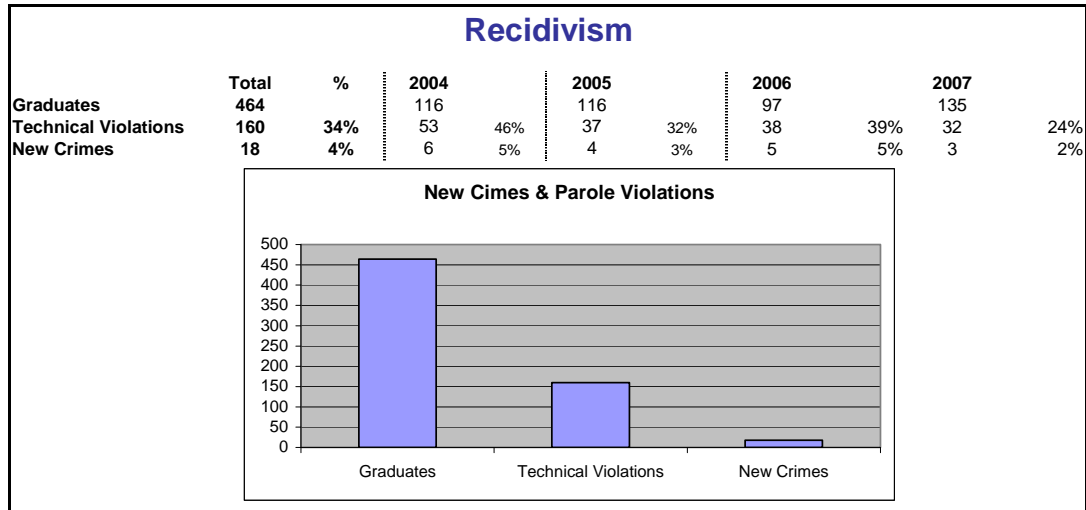


TSCTC per diem is 92 with an average length of stay of 104 days. MSP cost is \$75.88 per day. Average MSP sentence for a non sexual/violent revocation is 17 months (x 30 days/month = \$36,699). Average MSP sentence for a non sexual/violent new offender is 23 months (x 30 days/month = \$52,357).



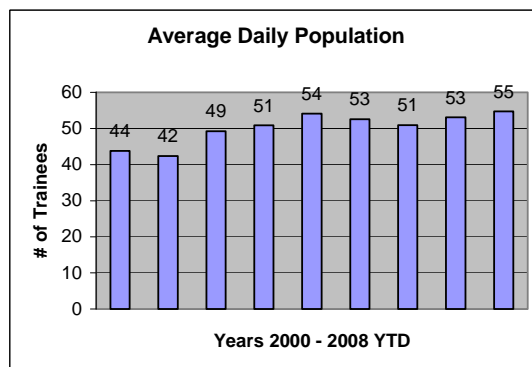
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TSCTC is also an **effective** program. In 2007, graduates of the program returned to prison for new crimes at a rate of just 4%.



Average Daily Population at TSCTC has steadily increased over the years. It is currently limited to 60 offenders by the facility's size.

AVERAGE DAILY POPULATION													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Average
2000	30	31	39	46	50	52	48	44	45	45	49	49	44
2001	49	47	46	45	44	42	33	35	37	45	43	43	42
2002	47	44	45	49	55	52	52	51	49	51	49	47	49
2003	48	46	46	49	54	56	51	48	51	54	56	51	51
2004	52	57	58	54	54	55	53	56	54	55	52	51	54
2005	52	51	54	48	56	54	54	48	55	54	54	51	53
2006	51	54	52	49	47	49	52	56	54	53	47	47	51
2007	54	53	55	51	52	53	53	52	55	56	55	48	53
2008	48	58	55	58									55





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TSCTC is an innovative program designed to keep offenders out of prison. Individuals approved for the program are transferred from Montana State Prison, regional prisons, direct transfers from county jails, or directly from the community after appearing before a judge (probationers). If the offender seems to be a good candidate for our program his case is presented to the program's screening committee. The screening committee does an in-depth review of the individual's criminal case and involvement with the criminal justice system and makes the decision whether our program would best suit the offender's needs.

